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linking claim 1. Upon the allowance of the linking claim, the restriction requirement as to the linked inventions should be withdrawn and any claims depending from or otherwise including all the limitations of the allowable linking claim will be entitled to examination in the instant application. Presently, all pending claims depend, either directly or indirectly, from claim 1.

Further to the election of Group I (claims 1-21), with traverse, for initial prosecution on the merits, Applicants are further requested under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently claim 1 is generic.

In this regard, the applicant hereby elects Species E, Fig. 6 for further prosecution on the merits.

Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 9-12, 15, 17-21 appear to be readable upon Fig. 6. The adhesive layer comprising two or more distinct portions, the plurality of getter regions, the getter region within a groove, the plurality of organic electronic devices, the non-composite substrate and the non-composite cover recited in claims 4, 6, 8, 13, 14 and 16, respectively, do not appear to be shown in Fig. 6.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the claims of the present invention are in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited.

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